

**Testimony**  
**Senate Bill No. 2348 – Department of Human Services**  
**Joint Technical Corrections Committee**  
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Chairman and members of the Joint Technical Corrections Committee, I am Pamela Sagness, with the Department of Human Services (Department). I appear before you in support of Senate Bill 2348.

A well implemented bed management system can improve access to inpatient and residential beds for those needing these vital services across the state. Having a line of sight into program capacity also provides information to inform decisions surrounding state hospital capacity, residential addiction need, identification of services gaps, and more efficient coordination. The Department was authorized to develop a behavioral health bed management system during the 2021 session.

As programs were being identified, by definition, that would be required to report the new system it was recognized the Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation (DOCR) operates programs that align to the definition but should be excluded from reporting to the bed management system. DOCR leadership was consulted and agrees with this exclusion.

This concludes my testimony. I would be happy to answer any questions. Thank you.